

NH LOW & MODERATE INCOME HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

New Hampshire residents who owned a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax, resided in the homestead as of April 1, 2008, and had a total household adjusted gross income of \$20,000 or less if a single person or \$40,000 or less if married or head of a NH household, may apply for property tax relief between May 1 and June 30, 2009. Visit the NH Department of Revenue Administration's web site for more information about the program and to obtain Form DP-8:

http://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low_mod_program.htm

If you received this tax refund in the prior year, you should be sent the forms from the DRA. You can reach the NH Department of Revenue by calling 603 271 2191. To order their forms by mail, call 603 271 2192. Forms are also available at the Fremont Town Hall. Please remember that you can ONLY FILE this form between MAY 1st and JUNE 30th.

DRIVEWAY PAVING PERMITS

Before any driveway is paved or resurfaced, approval is needed from the Road Agent. Grading and drainage issues need to be checked before any pavement (new or replacement) is installed. New driveway construction also requires a permit from the Town. The Planning Board Driveway Regulations, new driveway construction permit, and the driveway paving permit are all available on the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Road Agent page.

Driveway permits and an inspection are also required when installing or relocating your driveway, for improvements such as garage construction. Contact Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429 for more information. Permit forms and regulation information are also available at the Selectmen's Office during regular office hours.

Get ready for your spring projects and get permits in order early!

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. The high amounts of winter snow will cause added drainage and runoff issues this spring. Please help keep the ROW area clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way as they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the Town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

There is currently a vacancy for Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term through March 2012. The Trustees are volunteers and are generally responsible for management, investment and reporting of the Town's trust funds, which are for general town purposes (libraries, schools); capital reserve funds, town trust funds, and cemetery perpetual care funds.

A general information piece (compiled from current statutes) is available on the Town's website (home page under volunteer position openings).

Anyone interested in this position can contact Pat Martel by email at martel4@comcast.net or call Heidi at the Town Offices at 895 2226 x 10 to get additional information. Pat will return a phone call to you if you leave your phone number in the email, or leave information with Heidi or Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office.

If you decide you are interested in the position, please submit a letter of interest, highlighting any pertinent background you have to make you an asset to the position, including any financial

background experience. Submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

GREEN TIP

Now is a great time to stop the junk mail from coming to your home. Millions of trees and billions of gallons of water are used to create junk mail, most of which never gets recycled. You can get off national mailing lists by sending your name, address, and signature to: **Mail Preference Service, c/o Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512.**

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Fremont School Board is pleased to announce the selection of John Safina as Middle School Principal at Ellis School effective July 1, 2009. He replaces Interim Principal, William Marston, who has served with distinction since July 1, 2008.

John Safina was selected among a group of 22 applicants for the position. A thorough interview process was conducted by a Technical Committee, a Community Committee, and the School Board. Mr Safina has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College, Master of Arts from Emerson College and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in educational leadership from University of Southern Maine.

Mr Safina has 13 years experience as an educator in the middle school setting and seven years as an Assistant Principal in the Rochester School District. Mr Safina has been active in the New England League of Middle Schools as a participant and presenter. His staff recently nominated him for New Hampshire Assistant Principal of the Year and he was selected as a finalist.

Before the end of the school year, an open house will take place which will give the community an opportunity to meet Mr Safina.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Fremont Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 pm on June 11, 2009 at the Town Hall, basement meeting room, in accord with a 2009 Recovery Act JAG Application for technical assistance and equipment grant funds for the Fremont Police Department. The application package is available for viewing at the Fremont Town Hall, Police Station, and Public Library and on line at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the home page. Public written comment will be accepted through the date of this hearing.

The public is welcome to attend.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H & CAMP

Does your child love horses? Girls and boys ages 5 to 18 years are welcome to attend Peppermint Ponies 4H club meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6 – 7:30 pm at North Road Farm, 370 North Road, Fremont as guests to learn more about equines, 4H and Summer Camp. Meeting dates: 5/27, 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22. No experience or horse ownership is necessary. Questions? Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 679-3367, j.brubacher@comcast.net, www.peppermintponies4h.org, www.northroadfarm.com or stop by to visit. Scholarships available.

CAMP FREMONT SUMMER PROGRAM

The Camp Fremont Summer Program is accepting registrations for six week-long camp sessions running from July 6th- August 14th. Camp Fremont is a safe environment where your child can develop emotionally, socially, and physically for the summer. With a low camper-to-counselor ratio, your child will receive a lot of individual attention. Campers will participate in a variety of physical and arts & crafts activities, as well as attend field trips and be entertained by educational presenters. Each session will be offered according to an overall theme which will ensure that you are signing your child up for activities that they will enjoy. Field

trips costs and a free Camp Fremont t-shirt are included in the tuition costs. Come see how much fun Camp Fremont can be!

WHO: Students who will be enrolled in grades 2-9 during the 2009-2010 school year.

WHEN: Monday- Friday; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (See before and after care options under "Cost".)

WHERE: Ellis School gymnasium

COST: **Please read carefully as Camp Fremont has made many adjustments to help parents afford camp during tough economic times:**

- ❖ One child for one week: \$85.00 per week. This cost is less than \$3 per hour of enrichment for your child, including trips and a t-shirt.
- ❖ Families who are sending siblings- The second sibling attending the same week is discounted to \$75 and any additional siblings (3rd or more child from same family) may attend camp during the same week for \$25 each. This means a family of 3 siblings may attend one week of camp for \$185.
- ❖ Campers who are attending multiple weeks- Camp Fremont is offering a progressive \$10 per week discount for campers who sign up for multiple weeks. If additional siblings are registered, the \$10 discount is deducted off of their already discounted rate. (Example: one child attending all six weeks of camp will be offered the following discount: Week 1- \$85, Week 2- \$75, Week 3- \$65, Week 4- \$55, Week 5- \$45, Week 6- \$35)
- ❖ Extended Hours- Camp Fremont is also offering before-care from 7:30-9:00 a.m. and after-care from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Each of these services is \$10 per week. Parents who do not need a full week of this service may pay \$5 per day for 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. coverage. During this time, your child will be supervised but will not be led in structured activities.

The following sessions are being offered:

July 6-10: BACK TO BASICS - We'll learn how to make homemade butter and ice cream, harvest veggies, meet farm animals, play charades, & much more!

July 13-17: FREMONT IDOL - Perfect for our budding artists! We will be visited by an artist in residence and will put on our annual talent show.

July 20-24: WILD WORLD OF SPORTS - A week dedicated to all things physical. We will conduct Camp Olympics and go see the Fisher Cats.

July 27- 31: MARITIME MADNESS - Do you love the ocean? We will meet sea creatures and soak up the sun at the beach.

August 3-7: EXPLORERS - We'll explore and discover! Participate in treasure hunts, explore caves, and dig for artifacts. Participate in our annual Bike Rodeo.

August 10-14: KOOKY KARNIVAL - We'll travel to Canobie Lake Park and put on our annual Kooky Karnival!

Counselor applications are available at the Fremont Town Hall or on the website listed below. Students who are interested in joining our **Counselor in Training Program** may visit the website listed below and fill out an application for acceptance. This program is for students who wish to acquire the skills needed to become a paid Camp Counselor. Participants must have completed 7th grade and demonstrate exceptional maturity to participate in our CIT or Jr. CIT programs. Campers enrolled in this program may attend at a discounted rate and participation in the program is contingent upon positive weekly performance evaluations.

For your convenience, registration forms, the field trip calendar, and camp information guides are available at the Ellis School, Fremont Town Hall, Fremont Public Library, and online at <http://www.fremont.nh.gov/fnhgparkrec1.shtml>. Please return all paperwork to the Selectmen's Office at the Fremont Town Hall.

Please email Jen Jaquith, Camp Director, with any questions at missj1133@yahoo.com (for quickest response) or call at 895-4869.

DOG LICENSES ARE NOW OVERDUE

The deadline for licensing your dog(s) for 2009 was April 30th. A late penalty of \$1.00 per dog per month will now be assessed to your licensing fee. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing, as the Clerk is required to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact the office so your name can be removed from the list. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, the license(s) can be mailed for an additional fee of \$1.00 per dog along with a self addressed stamped envelope. Fees are as follows: Unaltered: \$10.00, Spayed/Neutered: \$7.50, Puppies (3-7mos): \$7.50, Residents over 65: \$2.00, please add the \$1.00 late fee to the prices listed. There is a mail-in / convenience fee of \$1.00 per dog.

HOOD MILK "3-A-DAY" MILK CAPS

Have you noticed that the 2009 Sox Tops have been missing from Hood Milk in the LightBlock Bottle®? It came to our attention in April that HP Hood LLC and Red Sox Kid Nation will **NOT** be offering this program, but in the hopes that it returns in April 2010, and that Hood doesn't change the look of the "3-A-Day" sticker, students of Ellis School will continue to collect Hood milk caps.....BUT.....it is very important that they be rinsed of milk residue (and dry) before putting them in the collection container at either the Town Hall or Ellis School. In the three years that we have participated in this program, Ellis has received over \$385.00...just for drinking Hood milk!!! Feel free to call Faith Levesque 679-9537 with questions.

VEHICLE RENEWALS ON-LINE 24/7 ...COMING IN JUNE

The Town Clerk has been working for many months with a software company to offer Fremont residents a faster, more convenient system to renew their vehicle registrations. In June, the Clerk's office will be implementing E-Reg, an online renewal system developed by Interware Development Company, Inc.

Online vehicle renewals is a convenient way for residents to renew your registrations without leaving the comfort of your home. With E-Reg, the Clerks' office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Citizens can log onto the Internet, go to the Town's website, provide the information required from your current registration and pay for your registrations at your convenience. You will have the option to mail in your checks or complete the payment process online from your checking account. You need only supply your account number and bank's routing number to authorize direct payment. At the end of your transaction, you will receive a confirmation email verifying the renewal information was received. Once the transaction is completed, the Town Clerk then downloads and processes your renewals, prints your checks and mails out the registrations.

Residents can renew in the month of their birthday and commercial vehicles can be renewed in their renewal month. E-Reg accepts any plate types for the renewal of both Local and State portion of the registration. E-Reg also calculates new vehicle fees and renewal fees.

More information will be available on the Town Clerks web page as the start date draws closer.

Future enhancements; E-mail renewal notices to customers, dog renewals on-line, payment by credit & debit card. I encourage you to take a "test drive" and familiarize yourself with E-Reg at www.ereg.us. I hope this new service will prove to be a valuable tool for all residents.

All Town Offices are CLOSED on Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. Trash is ONE DAY DELAYED during this holiday week. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.